" Tell them we are with you to the finish of our resources in supplies, money and men. We are prepared to go the whole hog. They have no idea how soon we can raise a big army ; many thousands of young men already have the necessary training— cadets in our military schools and State institutions. Texas alone, where I come from, has 200,000 men who can ride and shoot, and other Western States are in proportion. They are men of the calibre of your Canadians and Australians.

Give my warmest regards to my friends over there, Lloyd George, Balfour, Asquith, and Grey. Tell them all I am thinking of them all every hour."

We had shown the greatest reticence in our references to America. We fully realised that Americans would resent any appearance of our trying to lure them into the War. This was appreciated on the other side. We made preparations for joint action if and when the moment should have arrived for America to come into the conflict. I invited the War Cabinet to make such arrangements as were possible for *We get ready* securing the most effective co-operation ^iihVSA w^k America if and when she came into the War* We decided that it was desirable that, in the event of intervention in the War by the United States of America, a special Mission should proceed to the United States for the purpose

of notifying the relative importance of the *Special* various forms in which co-operation could

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recognised however, that it was essential for such a Mission to have at its head some individual of